

RESOLUTION NO. 07-060

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER AND FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO TRANSITION TO REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Santa Barbara, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 6, 2007, for the election of three municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to submit to the voters at the November 2007 election a proposed charter amendment relating to Charter Section 1300.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to requirements of the Charter of the City of Santa Barbara, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Santa Barbara on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers for terms expiring in accordance with Section 500 of the City Charter.

SECTION 2. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority under State Government Code section 34458, and Elections Code section 9255, does order submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election the following proposed charter amendment:

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CHARTER AMENDMENT	
<b>MEASURE 2007</b>	
YES	
NO	
Shall the City Charter be amended by amending Charter Section 1300 and adding a new charter section 1300.1 to provide for regular City elections in November even-numbered years instead of odd-numbered years?	

SECTION 3. That the proposed complete text of the charter amendment submitted to the voters and referenced in Section 2 hereof is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment, and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 6. That the polls for the election shall be open at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8 o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in Section 14401 of the California Elections Code.

SECTION 7. That pursuant to Elections Code Section 12310, a stipend for services for the persons named as precinct board members is fixed at the sum of \$160 for each inspector and \$120 for each clerk for the election. In addition, the sum of \$20 will be given to each inspector and the sum of \$10 for each clerk to attend a training class; the sum of \$10 will be given to each inspector to pick up the precinct supplies; and the sum of \$10 will be given to each bilingual precinct board member.

SECTION 8. That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 9. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election in time, form, and manner as required by law.

***SHOWING CHANGES FROM EXISTING CHARTER PROVISIONS IN UNDERLINE  
INCLUDING AFFECTED (BUT UNCHANGED) CHARTER PROVISIONS***

Section 1300. General Municipal Elections.

General Municipal Elections for the election of officers and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe shall be held in the City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd numbered year. The first such General Municipal Election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1981.

Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Section 1300, after the scheduled General Municipal Election of November of 2007, the next General Municipal Election for the election of officers of the City (and for such other purposes as the City Council may prescribe) shall not be held in the City until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2010 and, thereafter, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year.

**Section 1300.1 Transition to Even Year Elections – Mayor and Council Terms of Office Existing as of the General Municipal Election Conducted in November 2007.**

Notwithstanding Charter Sections 500, 500.1, and 1300, upon the duly required approval of this 2007 Charter amendment, in order for the City to appropriately transition to even year November General Municipal Elections, the following Charter provisions shall apply:

**(a) Transition Terms for Council Members Elected in November of 2007.** The terms of the three (3) City Council offices which are filled at the General Municipal Election held in November of 2007, (those terms of office which would otherwise terminate in January of 2012), shall not expire until January of 2013. As provided for in Section 1300 of the Charter (as amended), such terms of office shall thereafter be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in November of 2012 and each fourth year thereafter.

**(b) Transition Terms for the Mayor and Council Members Elected in November of 2005.** The term of the office of Mayor and the terms of the three (3) members of the City Council in office as of November 2007 (those terms which would otherwise terminate in January 2010) shall continue in office until January 2011. As provided for in Section 1300 of the Charter (as amended), such terms of office shall thereafter be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in November 2010 and each fourth year thereafter.

**(c) Application of the Limitation on Terms – Charter Section 500.1.** Notwithstanding the requirements of Charter Section 500.1 limiting service as Mayor or as a member of the City Council to no more than two (2) consecutive four (4) years terms in office, the extended office terms created by this transitional Charter amendment shall be deemed and considered a four (4) year office term for the purposes of calculating the term limitation imposed by Charter Section 500.1.

**(d) General Provisions.** The office of Mayor shall remain elected as Mayor, separate and apart from the other members of the City Council. All Mayor and Council terms of office shall commence on the day in January provided for in the final paragraph of Charter Section 500, and all General Municipal Elections shall be held in November on the day established by Charter Section 1300, as amended.